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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Matthew S. Gart

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4, 6, 21, 29, 30, 43, 73 and 93-100 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4, 6, 21, 29, 30, 43, 73 and 93-100 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 June 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Prosecution History Summary

- Claims 2, 5, 7-8, 10-13, 16-25, 28, 62-65, 68-72, 75-85 and 89-92 have been cancelled per the applicants response filed 12/7/2005.
- Claims 93-100 have been added per the applicants response filed 12/7/2005.
- Claims 1, 4, 6, 29, 30-21, 73-43 and 93-100 are pending in the instant application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 4, 6, 29, 30-31, 73-74, 93-100 are rejected under 35

U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Dahan (U.S. Patent No. 6,950,809).

Referring to claim 1. Dahan discloses a method comprising:

- Dynamically maintaining a plurality of organizational profiles containing integration preferences, a plurality of users each being associated with a

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particular organizational profile (Dahan: column 4, line 51 to column 5, line 2); and

- Providing an executable on a shared executable hosted e-procurement system, the executable being shared by the plurality of users to implement user requested transactions of the plurality of users (Dahan: column 5, lines 6-15), the executable implementing a respective user requested transaction by a respective user and implementing the integration preferences contained in the accessed organizational profile (Dahan: column 5, lines 16-23), wherein the integration preferences contained in a respective organizational profile determine how the shared hosted e-procurement system interacts with the application system for the respective organizational profile or for the users associated with the respective organizational profile, to thereby implement user requested transactions via the executable on the shared executable hosted e-procurement system (Dahan: column 5, lines 38-43).

Referring to claim 4. Dahan further discloses a method wherein the application system is a financial system (Dahan: column 5, lines 38-43).

Referring to claim 6. Claim 6 is rejected under the same rationale as set forth above in claims 1 and 4. Furthermore, Dahan discloses a method comprising dynamically maintaining a plurality of organizational profiles containing data definitions, which define data fields required to implement user requested transactions (Dahan: Fig. 3, "320").

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Referring to claims 29-30. Claims 29-30 are rejected under the same rationale as set forth above in claims 1 and 4.

Referring to claim 31. Dahan further discloses a method wherein a financial system is a system used to track and manage financial resources (Dahan: column 5, lines 16-23).

Referring to claim 73. Claim 73 is rejected under the same rationale as set forth above in claims 1 and 4.

Referring to claim 74. Claim 74 is rejected under the same rationale as set forth in claims 1, 4 and 6.

Referring to claim 93. Claim 93 is rejected under the same rationale as set forth in claims 1, 4 and 6.

Referring to claim 94. Claim 94 is rejected under the same rationale as set forth in claims 1, 4 and 6.

Referring to claim 95. Claim 95 is rejected under the same rationale as set forth in claims 1, 4 and 6.

Referring to claim 96. Dahan further discloses a method wherein the integration preferences include encumbrance and payment preferences (Dahan: column 5, lines 44-48).

Referring to claim 97. Dahan further discloses a method wherein the integration preferences include encumbrance and payment preferences (Dahan: column 5, lines 44-48).

Referring to claims 98-99. Claims 98-99 are rejected under the same rationale as set forth above in claims 1, 4 and 6.

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Referring to claim 100. Claim 100 is rejected under the same rationale as set forth above in claims 1, 4 and 6.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to all the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

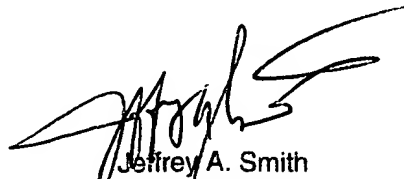
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew S. Gart whose telephone number is 571-273-3955. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9-6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wynn Coggins can be reached on 571-272-7159. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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